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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Michael Barr

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date 6/16/03.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1, 9, 12-15, and 18 cite the limitation of "thickfilm" dielectric. "Thickfilm" is a relative term which renders the claims vague and indefinite, as there is no clear definition provide to show what dielectric film thickness is considered to be thick.

Claims 9-10 and 18-19 contain the trademark/trade name KQ dielectric and KQ CL-90-7858. Where a trademark or trade name is used in a claim as a limitation to identify or describe a particular material or product, the claim does not comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. See *Ex parte Simpson*, 218 USPQ 1020 (Bd. App. 1982). The claim scope is uncertain since the trademark or trade name cannot be used properly to identify any particular material or product. A trademark or trade name is used to identify a source of goods, and not the goods themselves. Thus, a trademark or trade name does not identify or describe the goods associated with the trademark or trade name. In the present case, the trademark/trade name is used to identify/describe the dielectric coating material and, accordingly, the identification/description is indefinite.

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Claims 13 and 19 cite the limitation that the dielectric is thinned to 18.0 +/- 2.0 viscosity. However, the claims do not provide any viscosity units, which renders the claims vague and indefinite.

Claim 14 cites the limitation of the stainless steel screen having .8 mil emulsion. It is not clear to the examiner what is meant here. The examiner is not familiar with describing a screen in terms of emulsion. What feature of the screen does .8 mil emulsion define?

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-20 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

4. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: None of the prior art cited or reviewed by the examiner teaches or fairly suggests the claimed method of depositing the dielectric on the substrate where the first dielectric layer is air dried to allow solvents to escape and increase the porosity of the layer, then oven drying, and then depositing the additional layers of dielectric. The closest prior art to Dietz teaches forming a multilayer dielectric on a substrate where dielectric paste is applied to the substrate, in two coats, and is air dried for 2-5 minutes, then is oven dried at 125 °C, and then is finally fired, where the air drying is an optional step to merely improve leveling of the structure. Dietz does not specifically teach that the air drying and oven heating be performed on only the first layer or both dielectric layers simultaneously or that the air drying increase the porosity of the first dielectric layer. There is no suggestion that the air drying in Dietz would provide the claimed

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increase in dielectric layer porosity. Therefore, it is the examiner's position that the claimed process steps are neither taught nor suggested by Dietz.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Dietz and Lautzenhiser et al. are cited as prior art of interest.

Dietz is described above.

Lautzenhiser et al. teaches forming a thick-film multilayer dielectric structure, where the first dielectric layer is porous. However, Lautzenhiser et al. does not teach the claimed air drying and oven heating steps.

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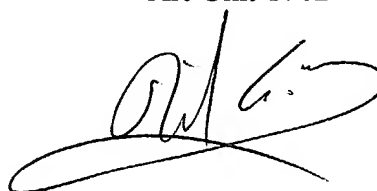
6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Barr whose telephone number is 571-272-1414. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 6:00 am-3:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Shrive Beck can be reached on 571-272-1415. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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March 23, 2004

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Michael Barr', written over a horizontal line.